



Quick Start

Disaster Recovery Program

2011 Minneapolis Tornado Response

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Quick Start Disaster Recovery Program?

The Quick Start Disaster Recovery Program provides assistance as a last resort when private insurance and federal assistance are not adequate to return a damaged home to its pre-disaster condition.

Minnesota Housing is providing funding for housing purposes through the Disaster Relief Contingency Fund. Funding is available to City of Minneapolis residents with a property located in the 55411, 55412 or 55430 zip codes, and who are eligible for federal assistance from the Small Business Administration (SBA) to homeowners. Only homeowners in the City of Minneapolis that were affected by the May 2011 tornado disaster under Presidential Declaration of Major Disaster, DR-1990 will be eligible for Quick Start Assistance.

How much assistance will this program provide?

Quick Start is a forgivable, no-interest loan from a minimum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$30,000 per house.

What are the eligible properties?

In order to qualify as an eligible property, the residence must be a residential property, which includes: a single family detached home; duplex; triplex; fourplex; twin home; an eligible unit in a Planned Unit Development (PUD); condominium; town home; manufactured home on a permanent foundation; a manufactured home in a manufactured home park.

What can I use the loan for?

The loan must be used for capital improvements to return a house to its pre-disaster-or comparable-condition, to replace an owner's home destroyed as a result of the disaster, or to repair/replace a 1-4 unit rental property. All funded rental properties are subject to affordable rent levels.

What are the terms and condition of the loan?

No principal or interest payments are made during the term of the loan. The loan will be forgiven in 10 years as long as the home is the primary residence of the borrower, or continually owned by the landlord for that period. The loan principal must be repaid only if the borrower or landlord sells the house or if the borrower no longer uses it as a primary residence within the 10 year loan period.

Are there income limits for eligibility for this program?

No.

How will my final loan amount be determined?

The final amount-from \$1,000 up to \$30,000-will be the difference between (1) the amount of any insurance proceeds and money received from SBA and (2) the amount necessary to repair a house to its condition before the flood. Quick Start is intended to fill this gap up to the maximum of \$30,000. In some cases, there may be no gap and therefore no Quick Start loan. Borrowers must accept the maximum SBA loan offered to them before Quick Start can be used.

What is the process for obtaining a loan?

1. Make sure you have applied to SBA for a physical disaster loan. For more information on how to apply with SBA, contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling (800) 659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov. Hearing impaired individuals may call (800) 877-8339. Applicants may also apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>

2. Apply for a Quick Start loan. Bring as much information as you can when you apply, including your SBA loan application and any repair cost estimates you have.
 - Apply even if you do not have all this information so that you can start the process.
 - Apply for a Quick Start loan even if you have been declined a loan from SBA as you may still be eligible for Quick Start.
 - If you are determined eligible for Quick Start, you will receive a "conditional" commitment. It is possible that the final loan could be greater or less than the conditional commitment.
3. Follow the instructions provided when you apply for a Quick Start loan.

Is there a deadline to apply for funding? The deadline for Quick Start is two months after the SBA application deadline. The SBA deadline is September 6, 2011, and the Quick Start deadline is November 6, 2011.

What if I'm told that I am not eligible?

You still may be eligible for other forms of housing or public assistance. The organization accepting applications will be able to provide you additional information.

What if I was a renter of a damaged apartment building?

Quick Start does not assist renters.

Where do I apply?

Applicants may apply with any of the 2011 Quick Start Administrators listed below. Applications will start to be accepted on **July 29, 2011**, and will also be available at www.mnhousing.gov.

Center for Energy and Environment (CEE)

212 3rd Ave N, Suite 560

Minneapolis, MN 55401

Contact: Brenda Yaritz at 612.335.5891 or email at byaritz@mncee.org

Housing Resource Center – North

2148 44th Avenue North

Minneapolis, MN 55412

Contact: 612.588-3033

Neighborhood Housing Services of Minneapolis, Inc.

1501 Dupont Avenue North

Minneapolis, MN 55411

Contact: 612.521.3581

